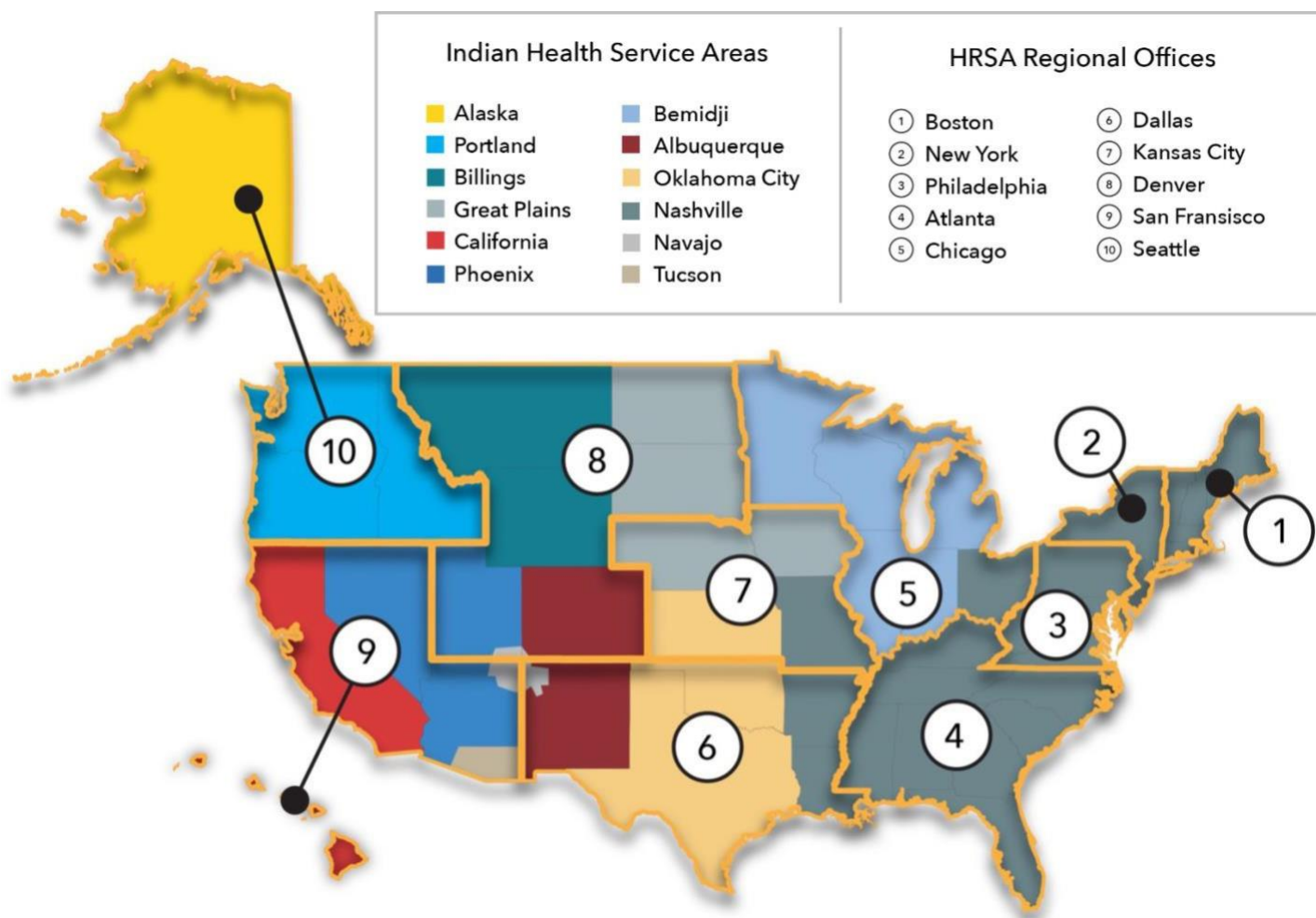


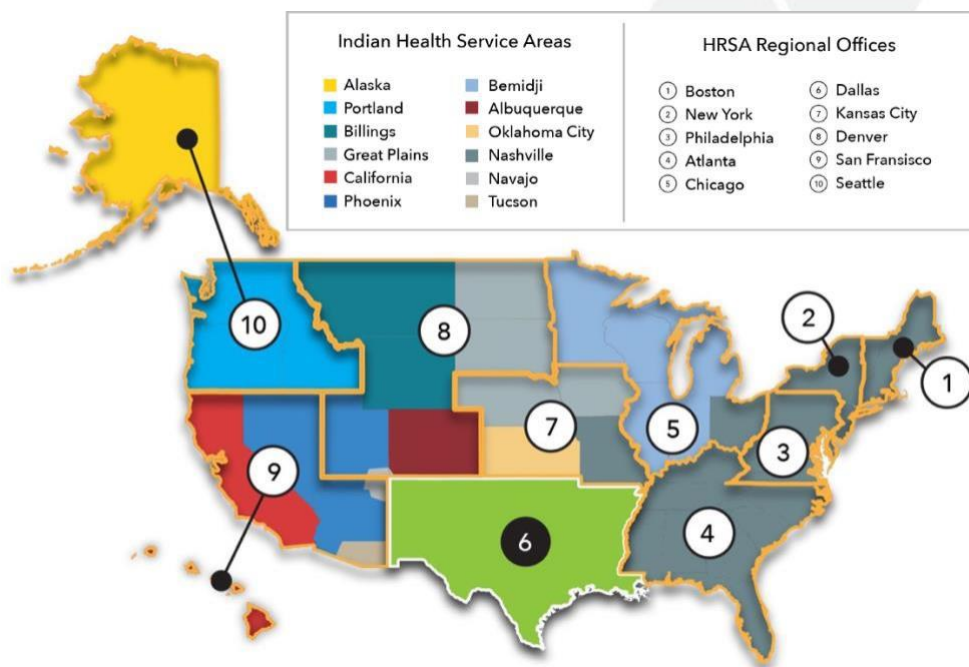
# Tribal Advisory Council Delegate Profiles





**Chuck  
Hoskin Jr.**

**Principal Chief  
Cherokee Nation**



**Oklahoma City Area Delegate**

Chuck Hoskin Jr. was elected to serve as the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, the country's largest tribal government with more than 400,000 tribal citizens, in 2019. He previously served as Secretary of State and as a member of the Council of the Cherokee Nation. During his time as Principal Chief, he has increased minimum wage at Cherokee Nation and Cherokee Nation Businesses and secured the largest language investment in the tribe's history to expand Cherokee language education and preservation. He also appointed the tribe's first delegate to the U.S. Congress. He has prioritized health and wellness initiatives, including record investments in behavioral health and addiction treatment. Chief Hoskin has also expanded tribal workforce training programs, protections for natural resources, and early childhood education offerings. He and First Lady January Hoskin have worked together to elevate the voices of women and children on the Cherokee Nation Reservation. On the HRSA Tribal Advisory Council, Chief Hoskin represents the Oklahoma City Area which covers Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas.

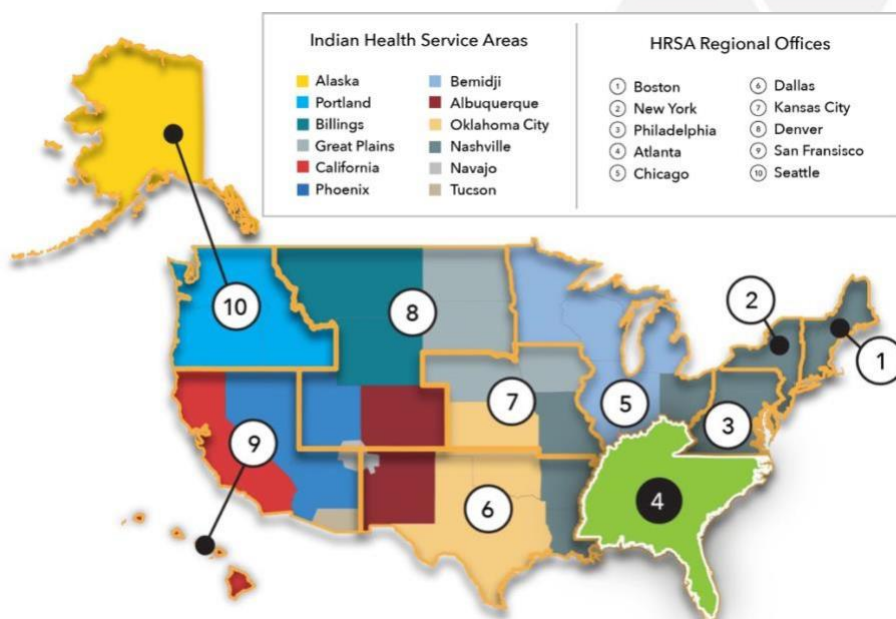
## Issues for the Area and Tribe:

- Five-percent set-aside of every grant for tribes
- Investments to educate, recruit, and expand the pool of qualified medical and healthcare administration professionals in Indian Country
- Infrastructure development as it relates to health services
- Grants that are not overly restrictive and allow tribes to provide suitable services



**Cyrus Ben**

**Tribal Chief  
Mississippi Band of  
Choctaw Indians**



**Nashville Area Delegate**

Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, is the fifth democratically elected Tribal Chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, a federally-recognized tribe of over 11,100 members living on or near 35,000 acres of tribal lands in east central Mississippi. Chief Ben has a 14-year record of public service to the Choctaw tribal government and tribal business leadership, including 8 years as Pearl River community's representative on the Tribal Council prior to being elected as Tribal Chief in July 2019. He served four years as the Tribe's Secretary- Treasurer and three years as the President of Choctaw- Ikhana, a tribally chartered corporation.

A graduate of Mississippi College, Chief Ben earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Marketing in 2001. As Tribal Chief, he provides Executive-branch leadership, overseeing a workforce of over 7,000 employees and administering services to include education and development, as well as several enterprises related to housing, healthcare, transportation, construction, water and utilities, natural resources, real estate, and public safety.

Chief Ben stays active in the community serving as a coach and mentor for youth sports, promoting peer and elder mentorships, goal- setting and appreciation of Choctaw Self-Determination. Recently, Chief Ben received the Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence (GIVE) Award and was appointed to the Mississippi Flag Commission, which oversaw the development of the new state flag.

Chief Ben is a life-long resident of the Pearl River community, where he resides with his wife TaRita and their children, Brodie, Eden and Selah.

## Issues for the Area and Tribe:

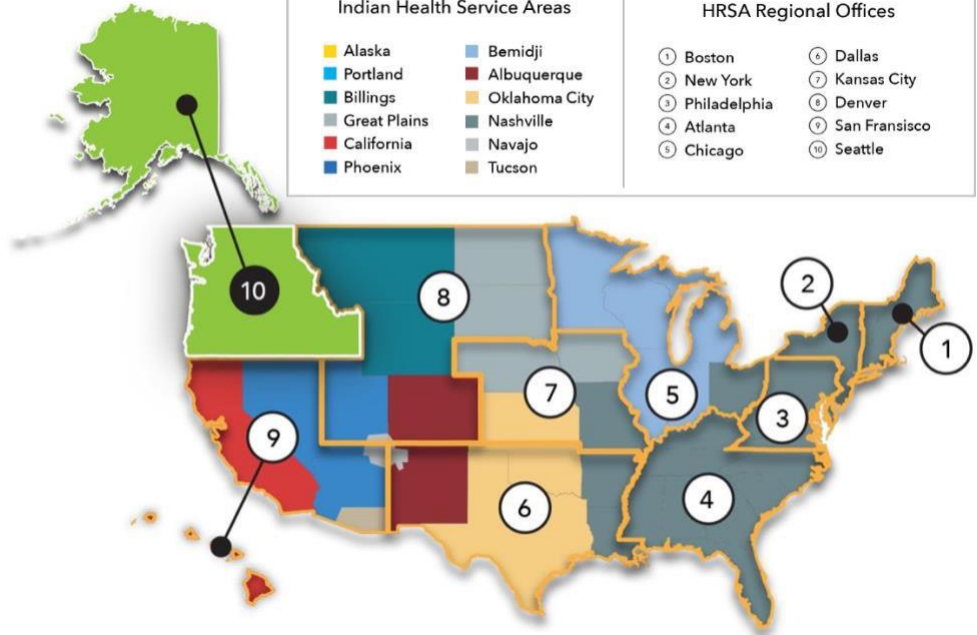
- A funding mechanism that places minimal burden on tribes
- Allowance for tribes to use funds in the way that is in the best interests of its people



# Chris Waterhouse

Director of the Shoshone-  
Bannock Community  
Health Center

Indian Health Service Areas		HRSA Regional Offices	
Alaska	Bemidji	① Boston	⑤ Dallas
Portland	Albuquerque	② New York	⑦ Kansas City
Billings	Oklahoma City	③ Philadelphia	⑧ Denver
Great Plains	Nashville	④ Atlanta	⑨ San Francisco
California	Navajo	⑥ Chicago	⑩ Seattle
Phoenix	Tucson		



Portland Area Delegate

Chris graduated from Oregon State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a minor in Computer Science, and then attended Idaho State University graduating with a degree in History. She has worked as an insurance underwriter prior to her employment with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. She worked in the Early Childhood Department then joined Tribal Health and Human Services.

She joined the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Health and Human Services (THHS) of the Fort Hall Reservation, Idaho, in 1999 as a part time Computer Specialist ultimately moving up to the THHS Assistant Director. She has played a key role in the administration of Tribal Health and the accreditation surveys occurring every three years and in the THHS Health Board support team. At THHS, she applied for and managed various grants. In 2014, she received a Certificate of Special Recognition and Appreciation from the Indian Health Services Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee.

In 2015 she wrote a Health Resources and Services Administration grant to open a Health Center on the Fort Hall Reservation which was accepted. The Health Center is open 363 days a year, including weekends and evenings. She remains the Director of the Shoshone-Bannock Community Health Center since the grant award.

Chris is a Tribal member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, living on the Reservation with her family. She is dedicated to improving the health outcomes and health care access for her community.

## Issues for the Area and Tribe:

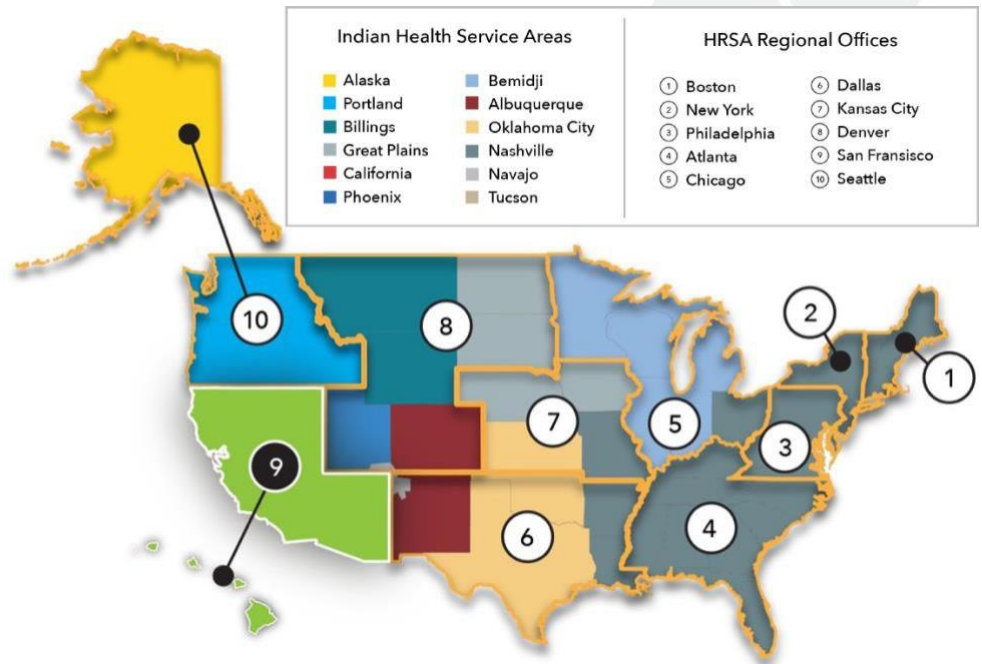
- Federal Office of Rural Health Policy grants reaching Indian Country
- Maximum flexibility to utilize Provider Relief Funds to address crisis standards of care
- Imposition of civil monetary penalties if manufacturers refuse to resume shipping 340B drugs to contract pharmacies





## Kira Norton

Health Benefits  
Coordinator  
Blue Lake Rancheria



California Area Delegate

Kira Norton is a member of Hoopa Valley Tribe of California. Ms. Norton currently serves as the assistant health director, benefits coordinator, claims administrator, and tribal appointee for the California Rural Indian Health Board. In this capacity, she focuses on helping Native and non- Native employees and their dependents navigate patient care through Blue Lake Rancheria Health Plan's self-insured health plan and United Indian Health Services' direct services and patient referred care program. Ms. Norton has helped the tribal community get access to COVID- 19 testing, education, and vaccination. While serving as the tribal appointee for Blue Lake Rancheria, she actively participates and listens to tribal nations' unmet health care needs.

Ms. Norton graduated from the University of California, Merced, in 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Health. There, she served as an epidemiology research assistant for the research project finding for the BRACA genes in women and the research project examining the rate of suicide attempts in California Native adolescents. She currently serves as a board member for Changing Tides, a service that provides mental health assistance and childcare assistance for families with disabilities and low-income families. Ms. Norton's work focuses on health education outreach, advocating for access to care, and improving health care quality outcomes for tribal nations.

### Issues for the Area and Tribe:

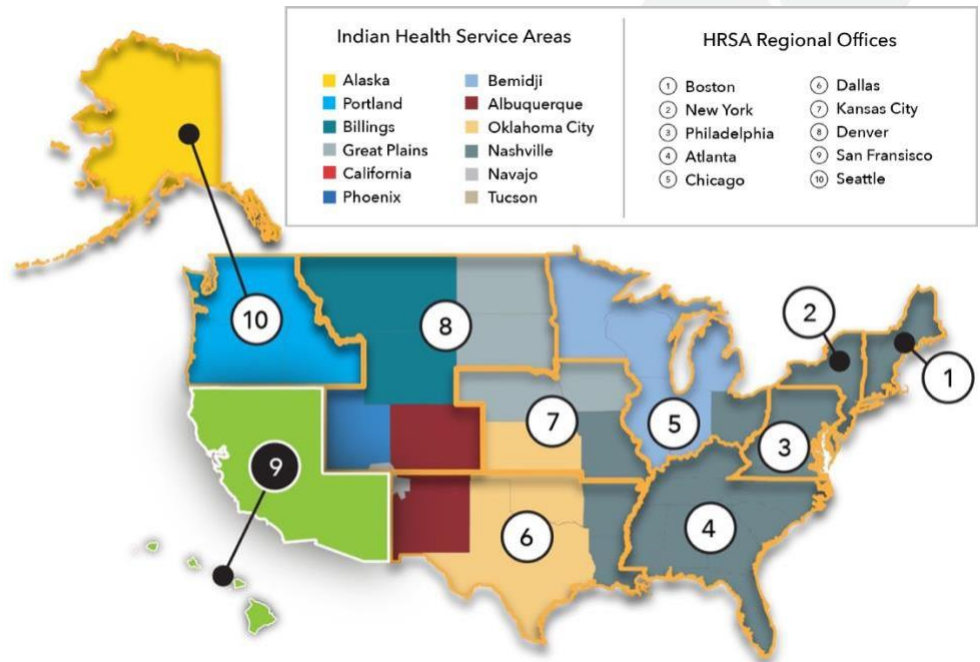
- Unreliable calculations for Health Professional Shortage Area scoring
- Graduate Medical Education funding opportunities
- Funding applications in areas where there is great need



**Leander V.  
Mase**

Legislative Council  
Representative  
Tohono O'odham Nation

Tucson Area Delegate



Leander V. Mase is a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation and is currently a Legislative Representative for the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council representing the District of Baboquivari. Representative Mase is a retired law enforcement officer and served as a police officer for the Tohono O'odham Police Department for seven years before working with the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations as a special agent for twenty-seven years, stationed on the Tohono O'odham Nation. Representative Mase is one year into his second four-year term and chairs the Health and Human Services and Judiciary Committees and is Vice Chair for the Domestic Affairs Committee.

Representative Mase has been involved with the Domestic Affairs and Health and Human Services Committees establishing an Involuntary Commitment Code for the Tohono O'odham Nation.

## Issues for the Area and Tribe:

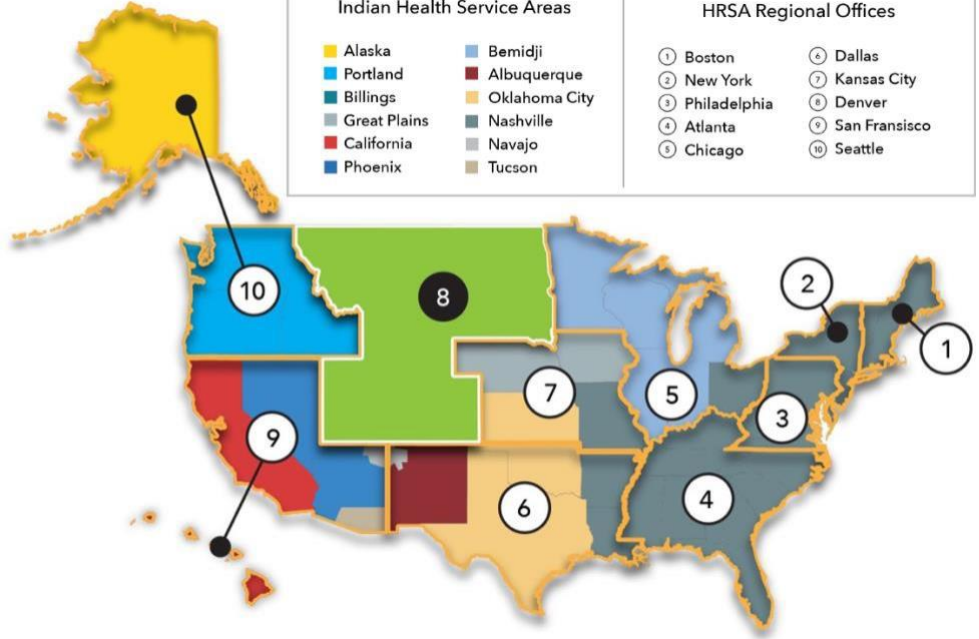
- Outreach and education that provides tribes with awareness of all funding opportunities
- Federal Office of Rural Health policy grants reaching Indian Country



# Lee Spoonhunter

Tribal Chairperson  
Northern Arapaho Tribe

Indian Health Service Areas				HRSA Regional Offices	
Alaska	Portland	Billings	Great Plains	1 Boston	6 Dallas
California	Phoenix	Albuquerque	Nashville	2 New York	7 Kansas City
		Oklahoma City	Navajo	3 Philadelphia	8 Denver
			Tucson	4 Atlanta	9 San Francisco
				5 Chicago	10 Seattle



Billings Area Delegate

Lee Spoonhunter is an enrolled member of Northern Arapaho Tribe in Wyoming. Chairman Spoonhunter is the Co-Chairman of the Northern Arapaho Tribe. He is also a member of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Tribal Advisory Council (TAC) and Secretary's TAC. He is honored to join the HRSA TAC.

Mr. Spoonhunter served as chairman of the Northern Arapaho Business Council from 2018 to 2020. Prior to this role, he served in the capacity of co-chair from 2018 to 2020 and member from 2016 to 2018.

His primary work experience is with TANF and child support. He was an economic assistance specialist and director for the Northern Arapaho TANF program, director for the Northern Arapaho Tribal Native Employment Works division, director of the Northern Arapaho Tribal Child Support program, and higher education director for Northern Arapaho Sky People.

Through the Tribal Child Support program, Mr. Spoonhunter was responsible for ensuring the program met the needs of the Arapaho people. He has also worked as a tribal consultant for various tribes in the areas of tribal TANF and tribal child support. Mr. Spoonhunter attended Casper College and Central Wyoming College in Wyoming.

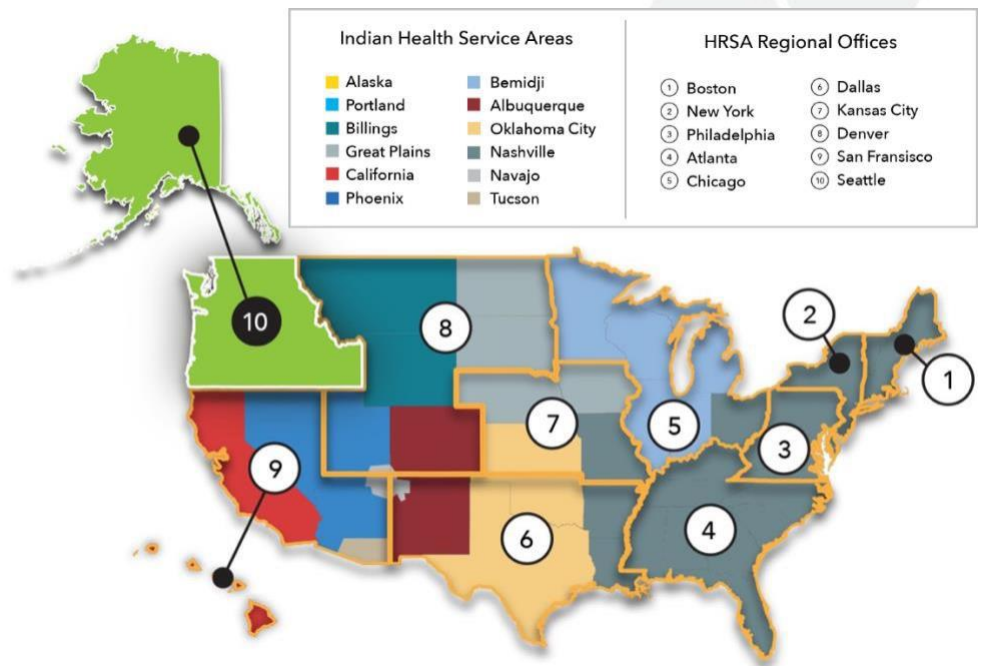
## Issues for the Area and Tribe:

- Expansion of self-governance programs by authorizing a five-year tribal self-governance demonstration project to show efficacy
- Health Center Program opportunities
- Set aside of five-percent of every grant for tribes and Indian health providers that places minimal burden on tribes

# Jessica Mata Rukovishnikoff

Aleut Community of  
St. Paul Island

Alaska Area Delegate



## Issues for the Area and Tribe:

- Capital dollars to build health centers
- Recognition of Community Health Aide/Practitioners as a provider type in the Uniform Data System
- Expansion of National Health Service Corps placements in Indian Country
- Equivalent reimbursement rates for telehealth visits as Federally Qualified Health Center visits

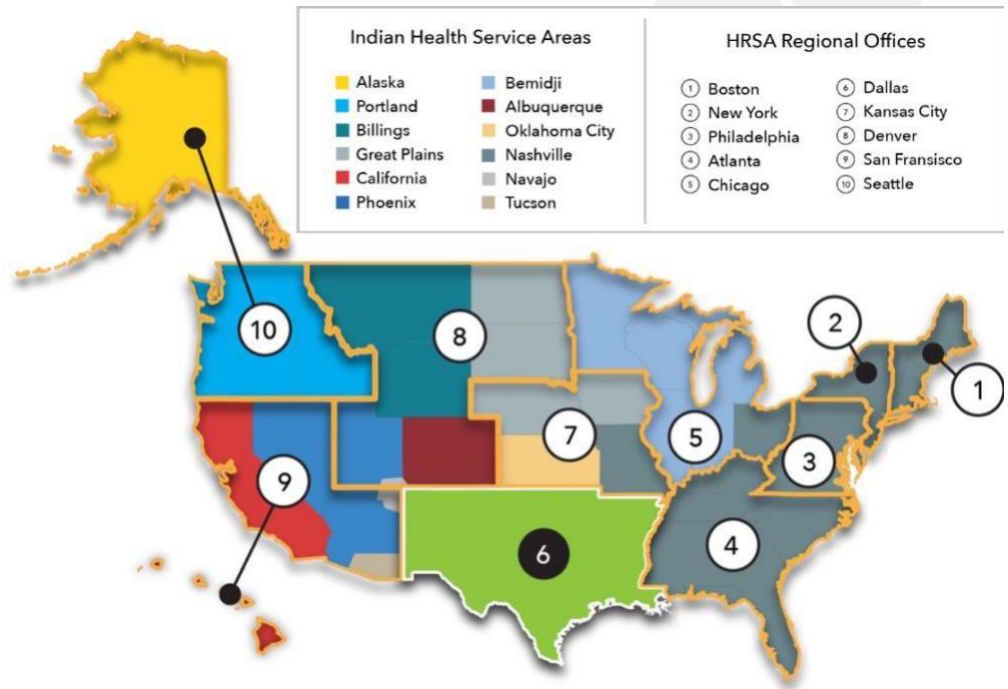




## Selwyn Whiteskunk

**Tribal Council Member  
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe**

**Albuquerque Area Delegate**



Selwyn Whiteskunk is a member of Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and a veteran of the U.S. Army. Mr. Whiteskunk has extensive experience in tribal governmental functions, from local to federal issues. He became the vice chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Tribal Council in 2019, having previously served as a council member, treasurer, and chairman.

Mr. Whiteskunk advocates on behalf of Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in many affairs, such as for natural resources, health care, economic development, education, and American Indian issues, through the various committees he serves and his past work experience. He has served on the board of directors for Utah Indian Health Advisory Board (board chairman), Albuquerque Indian Health Board, Native American Bank, Native American Finance Officers Association, National Indian Education Association, and the 10 River Tribes Consortium. He was also a member of the National Indian Health Board, Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, Colorado Behavioral Health Task Force, and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention Tribal Advisory Council.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management from Ft. Lewis College and is working toward his Masters in Public Health from the University of Utah. He also attended the Tribal Energy Management seminar series from San Juan College.

### Issues for the Area and Tribe:

- National Health Service Corps recruitment in rural areas
- Housing on reservations for National Health Service Corps providers
- Expansion of Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education opportunities in Indian Country